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WATER SALES TO INDIA, AND PHYSICAL PROTECTION CONVENTION

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1. SUMMARY. COMMENTING ON AUGUST 10 KZ ARTICLE SUPPORTING FURTHER  
NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS, TIMERBAYEV SAID SOVIETS WILL DEMAND  
SAFEGUARD GUARANTEES IN KEEPING WITH LONDON CLUB OBLIGATIONS WHEN  
THEY EXPORT NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO OTHERS, "FOR INSTANCE INDIA," AND  
ARE DOING SO. ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION CONVENTION, HE SUGGESTED THAT  
BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE WHEN HE AND MOROKHOV ATTEND NUCLEAR  
SUPPLIERS' MEETING ON PLUTONIUM IN LONDON SEPTEMBER 9-10 OR AT  
SUBSEQUENT IAEA ANNUAL MEETING IN RIO. ARTICLE IS STRONG REAFFIR-  
MATION OF SOVIET INTEREST IN NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS, WHICH ONCE  
AGAIN STATES PUBLICLY THAT USSR IS IN LONDON CLUB. END SUMMARY.

2. WRITING IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA AUGUST 10, K. BORISOV DELIVERS  
A STRONG PLUG FOR INTENSIFIED EFFORTS AT CONTROLLING AND LIMITING  
PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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3. PIECE IS ROUTINE, IF AFFIRMATIVE, EXCEPT IN ONE RESPECT, CONFER-

ING PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS. AFTER POINTING TO DANGER OF TERRORIST USE AND FACT THAT IT TAKES LITTLE TO MAKE A BOMB, BORISOV WRITES "TAKING THIS INTO ACCOUNT, IT IS NECESSARY TO ADOPT URGENT INTERNATIONAL MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS IN THE PROCESS OF THEIR ACCUMULATION, USE, TRANSPORT ETC. IN EXPORTING FISSIONABLE MATERIALS, THE USSR, FOR EXAMPLE, REQUIRES GUARANTEES OF THEIR PHYSICAL PROTECTION FROM RECEIVING STATES AS AN OBLIGATORY PRECONDITION," ON THE BASIS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WORKED OUT BY THE IAEA.

4. ASKED BY EMBOFF "ON PERSONAL BASIS" ABOUT RELEVANCE OF THIS LANGUAGE TO NEGOTIATIONS FOR SALES OF HEAVY WATER TO INDIA (MOSCOW 12021 AND PREVIOUS) AND TO PROPOSED PHYSICAL PROTECTION CONVENTION, MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION DEPUTY TIMERBAYEV HAD FOLLOWING COMMENTS AUG 11 (ALTHOUGH HE CLAIMED NOT TO HAVE READ THE ARTICLE):

-- THE USSR HAS ACCEPTED THE RULES WORKED OUT BY THE LONDON CLUB OF WHICH IT IS A MEMBER, AND THESE RULES SUBSTANTIALLY ACCEPT THE IAEA RECOMMENDATIONS. IN TRANSFERRING NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO OTHER COUNTRIES, "FOR INSTANCE INDIA," THEREFORE, THE USSR WILL DEMAND SAFEGUARD GUARANTEES IN KEEPING WITH THESE OBLIGATIONS, "AND IS DOING SO."

-- ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION CONVENTION, MOROKHOV HAD PUT A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR JULY 1, AND THE SOVIETS WERE WAITING FOR U.S. COMMENTS. HE WOULD BE WITH MOROKHOV IN LONDO FOR THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' MEETING ON PLUTONIUM SEPTEMBER 9-10, AND THEREAFTER IN RIO DE JANEIRO FOR THE IAEA ANNUAL MEETING. ALTHOUGH HE KNEW THE U.S. DID NOT NORMALLY SEND PHYSICAL PROTECTION EXPERTS TO MEETINGS LIKE THE ONE IN RIO, EITHER MEETING WOULD PROVIDE AN OCCASION FOR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION CONVENTION.

5. OTHERWISE, BORISOV ARTICLE MAY BE OF INTEREST TO SPECIALISTS FOR FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- STARK PICTURE OF DANGERS OF NON-PROLIFERATION;

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-- SUPPORT OF IAEA AND "AGREEMENT OF 22 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING USSR, ON NOT PROVIDING NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND WEAPONS TO NPT NON-PARTICIPANTS WITHOUT IAEA CONTROL;"

-- PUBLIC RESTATEMENT OF FACT THAT SOVIETS ARE IN LONDON CLUB (FIRST ANNOUNCED IN PRAVDA JUNE 12, MOSCOW 9520);

-- SUPPORT OF TTBT AND 150-KT LIMIT AS INSTRUMENT TO PREVENT "CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MOST POWERFUL AND, CONSEQUENTLY, MOST DANGEROUS TYPES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS;"

-- SUPPORT OF PNE AGREEMENT, "TO ASSURE THAT UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS DESCRIBED IN IT ARE CONDUCTED FOR PEACEFUL AND ONLY PEACEFUL PURPOSES, "BUT WITHOUT EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO ON-SITE INSPECTION.  
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